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**EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS  
MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

**October 20, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Administration Building  
1240 State Road 930 East  
New Haven, IN 46774**

At a meeting (a hybrid in person and Zoom meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic), held at the Administration Building, 1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, Indiana, the Board of School Trustees of East Allen County Schools met at approximately 6:30 p.m. on October 20, 2020.

**Board members present:**

Timothy E. Hines, President  
Todd C. Buckmaster, Vice President  
Terry Jo Lightfoot, Secretary  
Gayle C. Etzler  
Paulette Nellems  
Robert L. Nelson, Jr.  
Steven M. Screeton (via Zoom)

**Board members absent:**

None.

**EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:**

Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Superintendent  
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education  
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services  
Mrs. Connie Brown, Director of Special Services  
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources  
Mrs. Wendy Hoering, Director of Development and Title I  
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer  
Mrs. Jennifer Mabee, Director of Title III  
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services  
Mr. Charles Ward, President, EACS Transportation Association

**1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS**

**1.1 Call to Order**

President Tim Hines called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member, Mrs. Paulette Nellems, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for October 20, 2020 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report. Mrs. Lightfoot asked that Action Item 20-1020-4.5 - Resolution - 2021 Capital Projects Plan be voted on separately from the other Action Items.

### 1.4 Recognition

None.

## 2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mrs. Renee Beaubien	COVID-19 Practices Regarding Quarantines

## 3.0 CONSENT ITEMS

Superintendent Hissong requested the Board's approval for the Consent Items as presented as follows:

- 3.1 Human Resources Report and Addendum
- 3.2 Financial Reports
- 3.3 Meetings and Conferences
- 3.4 Minutes – Executive Session – October 6, 2020
- 3.5 Minutes – Regular Meeting – October 6, 2020
- 3.6 Minutes – Work Session – October 13, 2020

**Motion:** That Consent Items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, and 3.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Etzler

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, & 3.6 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton  
(Motion carried 7-0)

**Motion:** That Consent Item 3.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Nellems

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

3.4 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton; Abstained: Lightfoot (Motion carried 6-0-1)

#### 4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

Superintendent Hissong requested the Board's approval for the Action Items as presented as follows:

**20-1020-4.1 Contract Renewal with Bowen Center for Student Assistance Program**

**20-1020-4.2 2021 Group Health Insurance: Rates/Contributions**

**20-1020-4.3 Resolution - Adopt 2021 Budgets, Appropriations and Tax Rates**

**20-1020-4.4 Resolution - 2021 Bus Replacement Plan**

**20-1020-4.6 Resolution - 2021 Budget (Line 2) - All Funds**

**20-1020-4.7 Resolution - Balance Accounts for 2020 Education and Operations Funds**

**20-1020-4.8 Selection of A& E Firm for Roofing Projects**

**20-1020-4.9 Selection of A& E Firm for Masonry Projects**

**20-1020-4.10 Selection of A& E Firm for Paving Projects**

**20-1020-4.11 Amended and Restated Post-Issuance Compliance Procedures and Annual Checklist**

**20-1020-4.12 Contract with Dr. June Robinson (Manifestation Determination)**

**20-1020-4.13 Memorandum of Understanding with Fort Wayne Dance Collective**

**20-1020-4.14 Contract with Soliant for Speech Therapy Services**

**Motion:** That Action Items 20-1020-4.1 through 20-1020-4.14, except for 20-1020-4.5, be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster                      Second: Etzler

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

4.1 – 4.14 (Sans 4.5) - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton  
(Motion carried 7-0)

**20-1020-4.5 Resolution - 2021 Capital Projects Plan**

**Motion:** That Action Item 20-1020-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems                              Second: Nelson

**Questions:** Mr. Stahly answered Mr. Buckmaster's question.

**Discussion:** Mrs. Lightfoot explained that she will be voting no because the Board does not have a long-term plan.

**Vote:**

4.5 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton; Against: Lightfoot (Motion carried 6-1)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**20-1020-4.15 East Allen Career Center Project – Closeout**

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

**Questions:** None.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 20-1020-4.15 be approved as presented.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

4.15 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton (Motion carried 7-0)

**5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**5.1 Summer School Report**

**5.2 ADM/Enrollment Report**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**5.3 Meet and Confer Management Proposals**

Mrs. Tina Grady provided information to the Board and answered Mrs. Lightfoot's question.

**5.4 Revised Administrative Guideline 4212 Food Service Managers - Appendix A**

Mrs. Tina Grady provided information to the Board.

**5.5 Revised Administrative Guideline 4214.1 – Miscellaneous Support Personnel – Benefitted**

Mrs. Tina Grady provided information to the Board and answered Mrs. Lightfoot's question.

**5.6 Revised Administrative Guideline 4214.2 - Miscellaneous Support Personnel – Non-Benefitted**

Mrs. Tina Grady provided information to the Board.

### **5.7 Selection of A&E Firm for HVAC Projects**

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board and answered Mrs. Lightfoot's questions.

### **5.8 Selection of A&E Firm for Administration Building Exterior Renovations**

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

### **5.9 Authorize Use of National Bid Via Sourcewell for Stadium Light Replacement (NHJSHS)**

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

## **6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Thank you to Fort Wayne Trails for their \$9,000 donation for Paul Harding High Schools' Robotics Team's trail project.

If anyone would like to attend the United Front seminar, please let us know so we can get you registered.

This is National School Bus Safety Week.

We received a thank you poster from Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School, and thank you notes from the East Allen Career Center and East Allen Alternative School for the pizza that was provided for them during parent teacher conferences.

Congratulations to all of our individuals and teams who are competing in Regionals and Semi-State.

Woodlan High School's girls cross country team is advancing to Semi-State for the first time in the history of the school.

## **7.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	Thanked Mrs. Hissong and her staff for all of her work on the building plan. It's a good starting point.
Mr. Bob Nelson	Thanked Mrs. Hissong and her staff for all of her work on the building plan. The future will hold a lot of dialogue.
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Agrees with Mr. Buckmaster and Mr. Nelson.
Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot	Would like to see building plan options with the costs associated with each option. Need to hold community meetings for input.

Mr. Tim Hines

Wished our football teams good luck at Sectionals; Wished Mr. Kirby Stahly well and thanked him for his outstanding service as he will be retiring effective 12/31/21; Wished Fort Wayne native and Tampa Bay player Kevin Kiermaier good luck tonight in the world series; The next regular meeting (hybrid) is November 10<sup>th</sup>. Links for both meetings will be posted on the EACS website.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:18 p.m.

Full audio minutes are available on the East Allen County Schools website, under the School Board tab, at [www.eacs.k12.in.us](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us).

The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the EACS Administration Building, 1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, Indiana.

These minutes were approved and adopted by the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees on November 10, 2020.

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President

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Secretary